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In accordance with the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), it is presumed the Examiner will consider the prior art cited in parent application Serial No. 08/966,702.

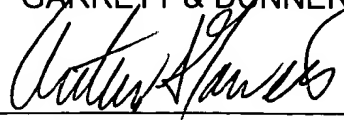
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Because benefit of the parent application is claimed under § 120, in accordance with Rule 98(d), copies of the references cited are not enclosed.

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